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What could form a daintier, more appropriate or acceptable gift? Every woman loves neckwear, and no one ever has too many.

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AT 50c A special purchase of a pretty Lace Yokes, the regular value of which are \$1.00 each; white or cream.

AT 25c Over thirty styles of new Side Ruffs; unusually pretty patterns; trimmed with dainty laces.

AT 50c Instead of 75c, special values in Side Ruffs, with stock and bow attached; the bows are made of velvet in various colors.

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AT 50c New Plauen Lace Dutch Collars, in round and square shapes, especially adapted for dresses and coats.

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## WANT TO CONDEMN RAILWAY'S LAND

Lively Fight Between Three Roads Before Corporation Commission.

## WOULD LIMIT NATIONAL AID

Governor Believes in Demanding Scientific Road Building as Requisite.

Stubborn fighting at every turn marked the hearing yesterday before the State Corporation Commission of the hearing on the petition filed by the Interstate Railroad Company against the Norfolk and Western Railway Company. The morning session was consumed in motions and in settling the points at issue, and the Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company was at its own request, permitted to be made a party defendant.

Lucian H. Cooke, of Roanoke, and Judge E. M. Fulton, of Wise, represented the Norfolk and Western; Joshua F. Bullitt and former Attorney-General Rufus A. Ayers, of Big Stone Gap, appeared for the Interstate, while W. A. Northcott and Judge C. T. Duncan, of Jonesville, were the attorneys for the Louisville and Nashville.

Would Condemn Right of Way. The Interstate Road, which runs from Stonegap via Appalachia to Norton, seeks to condemn some land belonging to the Norfolk and Western for a right of way, so that it can run its trains into the town of Norton, and the Norfolk and Western and the Louisville and Nashville have all the vacant land available for such purposes tied up, and refuse to dispose of it. As a result the Interstate's station is in the west end of the town of Norton, making the situation, it is claimed, extremely inconvenient for patrons. This condemnation proposition is being opposed by the Norfolk and Western with all its might.

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J. B. Wolfe, a civil engineer, of Big Stone Gap, was the only other witness of the day, appearing for the Interstate. At 5:30 the commission adjourned to 10 o'clock this morning. To appearance two or three days will be consumed in this hearing.

## SCIENTIFIC ROAD WORK

Governor Would Make It a Requisite to National Aid.

In connection with the proposition to secure government aid to road building, Governor Mann said yesterday that he favored a proviso that no State should be a recipient unless it had a regularly organized highway department, presided over by men who knew their business. Further, he would have it in the law that no county could secure any part of such funds without the direction of the State department. The Governor believes that much money is wasted through ignorance. He has himself seen men dig ditches which could not be reached by water until it had run up hill about a foot. The trouble, he believes, is in the want of employment of trained men to supervise construction, so that the details are not left to laborers.

## Run Train for Farmers.

The Norfolk and Western Railway has planned a farmers' institute train to run over the line between Lynchburg and Durham on December 6, 7 and 8. A number of stops will be made in Virginia. The State Department of Agriculture will co-operate, furnishing speakers.

## About the Capitol.

State Mineral Land Assessor James A. Stone, of Bristol, was at the Capitol yesterday.

## IN SUPREME COURT

Few Decisions Expected To-Day—Court to Sit Saturday.

It was announced yesterday by the Supreme Court of Appeals that it will sit on Saturday, December 24, and will indicate a desire for an early adjournment for the term.

To-day will be the second opinion day for the November term. It is expected that only a very few cases, if any, will be heard from at this time, since the time of the court since it convened has been much occupied. Most of the decisions are written by the court.

## SHOT ACCIDENTALLY

Wallace Hicks May Lose Eye As Result of Shooting.

As they were struggling together in play early last night a small rifle in the hands of James H. Bryant, exploded, and the bullet passed through the right side of Wallace Hicks' face. The two were playing together at 415 North Fifth Street when the accident occurred. The city ambulance was called, and Dr. Hulcher took Hicks to the City Hospital. He said last night that he feared the boy would lose his right eye. Bryant was arrested, and was charged with maliciously assaulting Hicks. All witnesses testify, however, that it was a case of accidental shooting.

## LOOKING FOR DAUGHTER

Circulars to Be Distributed in Search for Miss Annie Werner.

Much worried over the strange disappearance of his daughter, who left Chicago on the night of November 10 for Richmond, Anton Werner, of Henrico county, has had circulars printed, and yesterday placed them in the hands of Captain McManion for distribution over the country.

## May Abolish Chemist's Office.

A meeting of a subcommittee of the Ordinance, Charter and Reform Committee to consider papers relating to the City Chemist's office will be held at the City Hall at 1:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

## INSPIRE PUBLIC WITH CIVIC PRIDE

Advertisers' Club Plans Big Entertainment to Boost City at Home.

## BUSINESS MEN CO-OPERATE

Parade in Streets, Program at Auditorium and Luncheon Are Projected.

With the hope of inspiring the people of Richmond to co-operate in making 1918 the greatest year of civic progress and business activity in the history of the city, the Advertisers' Club, at a meeting held yesterday at 1:30 P. M., made preliminary plans for a great public entertainment. About fifty members were present at the Business Men's Club, the utmost enthusiasm being shown.

A suggestion was made that at some date early in January a smoker be given under the combined auspices of the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Men's Club, the Richmond Retail Merchants' Association, Post A, of the Travelers Protective Association, the United Commercial Travelers, the South Richmond Business Men's Association and the Richmond Advertisers' Club. This suggestion was received with warm approval, but it was immediately amplified in speeches made by representative members of the organizations mentioned.

It was finally determined—conditioned, of course, on its feasibility—to have a big general meeting at the City Auditorium for men, women and children on some night. A program of short talks, music and features, which will not be made public for the present, will be carried out.

## Have Big Parade.

The proposal was also made that the members of the live business organizations referred to meet at the City Hall, and from that point engage in a parade to the City Auditorium, where seats will be reserved for the thousand or more men who would take part in this portion of the novel and impressive program of the evening.

Bands would take part, Greek fire illuminations indulged in, bunnies bearing appropriate inscriptions carried, and everything possible done to interest all the population in civic advancement.

The organizers at the Auditorium concluded the members of the business organizations will march to some large hall, where a buffet lunch will be had. It was so evident by the time that the discussion was concluded, that a popular chorus had been struck that a special committee of three was appointed to meet next Wednesday at 1:30 at the Business Men's Club, when a definite organization will be effected to arrange the details of the event and to decide on the ways and means of making it a reality.

## BLUES COMPANY HOLDS ELECTION

Officers in Line Are Chosen Without Slightest Opposition.

Showing its satisfaction with the existing regime, Company B, Richmond Light Infantry Blues, last night unanimously and enthusiastically elected its officers up a peg each. The election was held to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation some time since of First Lieutenant Herman Carl Boschen.

When the meeting began, after the weekly drill, Second Lieutenant Richard M. Bidgood was at once put in nomination to succeed Lieutenant Boschen, and was elected without opposition. Thereupon First Sergeant M. F. James was elected second lieutenant, and Bidgood was elected first sergeant. Both men are regarded as military experts and enthusiasts of a high rank, the company being thoroughly satisfied with their work. Lieutenant Bidgood was commissioned on August 15, 1916, having been chosen after a spirited contest. Sergeant James has earned every step of his promotion.

Readjustments will now be necessary in the non-commissioned officers' list. Captain D. W. Leary will later announce the name of his new first sergeant, and of any other promotions which may follow.

## Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses were issued yesterday in the following cases: J. C. Gold and Beatrice E. Bagby; William L. Sales and Mary Blanche Bagby, and Judson O. Bass and Laura B. Childress.

## STRUNG UP TO GAIN CONFESSION

Negro Held for Stuart Murder First Arrested on Fake Warrant.

## CALLS TESTIMONY FALSE

Counsel for Prisoners Bring Out Evidence as to Methods of Prosecution.

Attempting to prove that false testimony was adduced in the trial and conviction of Dallas Wright, and in the former trials and convictions of Edward Jones and Richard Perkins, colored, indicted jointly for the murder of the Stuart brothers in Buckingham county in April, 1909, attorneys for Jones yesterday brought forth conflicting statements from some of the witnesses placed on the stand.

After a short argument between the opposing sides, Judge Witt allowed the reading of the testimony of Moreman Carter, son of former Deputy Sheriff Carter, now dead. Carter is out of the State, and therefore beyond the reach of a summons. His evidence was to the effect that he and his father, armed with an alleged fake warrant, went to the home of Richard Perkins, one of the accused, at night, and placed him under arrest. A short distance from the house the negro was taken from the deputy sheriff, and the boy was later told that the mob "strung him up to a tree in an endeavor to wring from him a confession. Obtainable from him, they released him. Then the deputy sheriff allowed him to return home.

## Heard Talk About Money.

Mr. Hallard, who had been a guard at the Buckingham County Jail during the incarceration of Johnson and Jackson, was introduced by the defense as an important witness in the afternoon. He testified to having heard the two negroes quarrel, when Jones stated to his partner that he knew nothing of the murder and was not going to tell his story because he had received no payment. It was related that Johnson had said that the authorities told him they would kill him if he didn't stick to his story. After the quarrel Jackson was placed in a cell to himself, from where he could hear the two men, but never heard them.

Hallard stated on the stand that he informed the jailer of what had transpired between the two negroes, and was told to keep his mouth shut. Then, he stated, he went to see Commonwealth's Attorney Edmund W. Hubbard, who said, "By George, keep that quiet. Don't say anything about it." Later he called on Attorney Postwright and told him the same thing.

"That is the Mr. Postwright whom I defeated for Commonwealth's attorney, isn't it?" asked Mr. Hubbard dryly. "Yes, sir."

## Could Not Shake Him.

Then the witness told of how he came to Richmond at the previous calling of the case and informed Attorney Leas Strod and Hall of Johnson's statement. He said that he came of his own accord and footed all bills himself. Mr. Hubbard tried to shake him, but the young man varied not a whit in his testimony.

Leas Williams, sheriff of Buckingham county, was introduced to prove that Mr. Hubbard had stated in open court, just before Jackson was taken as a witness before the grand jury, that he would not convict him on his (Jackson's) testimony.

W. J. Hubbard, clerk of the Buckingham County Court, testified as to the warrants and jail commitments which had been drawn up.

Before noon W. P. Ellis and Robert W. Spencer described the finding of the bodies and the returned home.

Willie Jackson, one of the State's important witnesses, told of being forced to accompany Eddie Jones, Richard Perkins and Dallas Wright to the home of the Stuarts to act as a watchman. He stated that he saw Jones tipping him to disclose the hiding place of his money. In a former trial he said that Jones fired a gun. Yesterday he said that the stenographic report of that trial was incorrect.

How He Was Killed. Going on with his story, he said that Jones fired the money and that Jones and Wright then threw Stuart down, while Perkins chopped his head off with an axe. He said that Jones was astride the prostrate man, sitting across his waist, while Wright was at the feet. The record of the money and trial, he said, that the witness said then that Wright was sitting across Stuart's waist, with Jones at the feet. Witness also contradicted himself as to the movements of Aylett Johnson on the night of the murder.

Jackman denied that he had stated that all he knew about the case was what Sheriff Carter had told him, and denied that Carter had offered him and Johnson \$50 each. He declared, however, that Guard Hallard had offered him \$50 to change his evidence at the next trial. Hallard gave most emphatic denial to this statement.

Aylett Johnson was next placed on the stand. His story tallied in some points with that of Jackson, and contradicted it in others. He also contradicted former testimony given by him. James J. Woodbridge, the last witness of the morning, told of the finding of the charred bodies of the murdered brothers.

## Salvation Army Dinner.

Adjutant George N. Wiggins, of the Salvation Army, 28 East Broad Street, is planning to give a Thanksgiving dinner to 20 children at the army hall on Wednesday, November 27, from 5 to 7 o'clock. The adjutant hopes by voluntary subscriptions to receive sufficient assistance to set a bountiful table for those poor tots who rarely ever have a square meal.

## Delegates from Richmond.

The following have been appointed as a subcommittee from the Committee on James River Improvement to attend the National River and Harbors Congress in Washington in December: George W. Rogers, Claude L. Watkins, John R. Grimes, Carter C. Jones and John B. Riley. The Council has set apart \$250 for the expenses of the committee.

## Poor Committee To-Night.

The meeting of the Poor Committee on Tuesday night, scheduled for last night, has been postponed to to-night at 8 o'clock.

## Overcoats Worth Up to \$25 at \$15 Each

It's a special purchase of very exceptional coats. Light, medium and dark shades in medium and heavy weights.

## Gans-Rady Company

## CAMPAIGN BEGINS WITH GOOD RESULT

First Day Shows That Citizens Are Determined to Build New Home for Y. W. C. A.—Hope to raise \$150,000 in Twelve Days.

The first day of the \$150,000 campaign for a greater Young Women's Christian Association building at Richmond opened yesterday with a whoop, and more than \$41,000 of the total amount required was reported by 1 o'clock. Of this more than \$11,000 had been collected over night, and the real campaign was not started in earnest until yesterday noon. With such a start it is the conviction of those in charge of the big civic movement that easy and abundant contributions will crown their efforts. This feeling of complacency is redoubled by the earnest and determined enthusiasm which already prevails among the 400 workers divided into committees. The real work of these "fighting teams" has just a little ahead of them, with burning enthusiasm and indomitable zeal they will go to the front, "as terrible as any army with banners."

When the new \$150,000 institution has become established here it will be one of 875 such buildings already in existence in the United States. The total membership of these institutions is more than 290,000. There is a total membership at present in Richmond of 1,800.

The peculiar need for enlarged and improved conditions in the local Y. W. C. A. building is shown when it is estimated that as many as 12,000 women in Richmond earn their own livelihood, of which 4,000 are boarding in different sections of the city. Such an institution as it is proposed to erect here will afford dormitories for a large number of young women and girls who would otherwise be unable to surround themselves with such environment.

It is a matter of keen gratification to those interested in the present campaign that every indication points to the fact that the citizens are fully alive to the necessity of constructing the home. Men and women of all circles, business and professions, are flocking into the campaign to raise the necessary funds. Donations and subscriptions varying in amount from \$25 to \$5,000 are being received in gratifying quantities, and it is believed that before the campaign is three days old more than \$100,000 will have been received.

## Yesterday Rally.

Yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock the 400 active campaign workers assembled at headquarters at the old Y. M. C. A. building, Sixth and Main Streets, for luncheon and report. Although the rain had been on since early morning the preceding midnight they reported upwards of \$11,000 already collected.

The enthusiasm exhibited at the luncheon was marked. Each and every member of the four working teams present appeared to be interested. And while the meeting was held at a busy hour for business men, forty or fifty "captains" of the local finance were conspicuously in evidence, while the attendance of women was eminently representative, and enthusiastic.

## CONDEMNED BY BECK

Old Crematory, Owned by City, Menace to Life and Limb.

Building Inspector Beck yesterday condemned the old crematory, belonging to the city Street Cleaning Department, at St. John and Orange Streets, as a menace to life and limb, and ordered its removal. The structure is a corrugated iron shed, about twenty years old, and much rusted and out of repair.

About two years ago the city erected for the Street Cleaning Department a modern garbage incinerator at Sixteenth and Marshall streets, and has since operated both, except during various long periods when the old crematory has been out of repair that it could not be fired. It is stated that the old crematory has long been an expensive burden, requiring much fuel and large annual repairs to keep it in order, and that its methods of incineration are far from modern.

An appropriation of \$2,500 was made this year for building a roadway into the old crematory, now about to be abandoned. The crematory adjoins the dog pound, maintained by the city at an expense of \$2,000 a year.

## Suit on Trial.

Trial began yesterday in the Law and Equity Court before Judge Ernest H. Wells of the suit of H. C. McDaniel against C. G. Kurton and C. K. Willis for \$500. The case grows out of a contested claim for payment for a heating apparatus installed by McDaniel in a dwelling erected by the defendants.

## Dr. Joyner in City.

Superintendent J. V. Joyner, of the North Carolina Department of Education, was a visitor at the Capitol yesterday, calling at the educational department.

## Charged With Forgery.

A warrant was sworn out yesterday afternoon against Leon Meister, charging him with having forged a check of the Metropolitan Sales Company, 27-48 Harrison Street, Detroit, Mich., on E. A. Stumpf.

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